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PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Berries cling to some branches at the edge of a frozen Greenbelt Lake on a frigid Friday.

Fancying the Frozen Lake

by Amy Hansen

Greenbelt Lake is frozen, as are the rivers, streams and ponds of our town. They're not frozen six-feet thick, or frozen only to be clear in the spring, but frozen over with crinkly ice that makes its own winter groans and clicking sounds.

Walking and skating on the ice are prohibited by City Code 12-66, but marveling at it is encouraged. And it is worth marveling, because ice is weird.

Icing on Top

The ice starts on the top of the lake. In the fall and winter, the lake's water loses energy to the air. As the water cools, it gets more dense and it sinks. The fact that the cooler water sinks might make it seem like the ice should start at the bottom of the lake, but here is where it gets odd. Water is at its most dense at 39.4 degrees Fahrenheit (4 degrees Celsius). When it gets colder than that, water expands and floats up. The coldest water on the top of the lake freezes to ice. Pure ice forms at 32 degrees

Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius). Our lakes and streams are not pure, but close enough.

Structure of Ice

Ice itself is light compared to water. It is also more organized. That is, the hydrogen atoms of a water molecule link up with the oxygen atoms of two other water molecules. This lattice of solid-state water has the same number of molecules as the free-moving liquid, but it takes up more space so it is lighter. Even before it freezes, the water molecules are moving to their new formation, making them less dense than the slightly warmer water.

Ice usually forms from the edge of the lake inward. It starts on a stick, or a stone that is poking out of the surface. From there, the slick surface moves across to the shallows and eventually, at least this year, covers the whole lake.

Under the Ice

The residents of Greenbelt

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2017 Saw Surge of Information About Proposed Maglev Train

by James Giese

This is the fourth and final of a series of articles providing information about a proposal to build a high-speed railway through Greenbelt that would tunnel under existing homes and Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt East and possibly emerge from its tunnel in the city's forest preserve. The first article described the proposed alternate routes to be considered in a now underway federally funded Environmental Impact Study (EIS), while the second provided history of the development of the SCMaglev (super-conducting magnetic levitation) rail system proposed by private developers to possibly eventually run from Charlotte to Boston. The third article discussed property acquisition, issues raised and alternative high-speed transportation proposals. This article will review opposition and support for building the maglev line and press coverage of the issue.

The Maryland effort to build the SCMaglev, a super-conducting magnetic levitation railroad, began in 2014, but the only early press coverage found was brief articles based upon press releases in business journals and blogs. These reports were all positive. If one had known to look in the right places, they would have learned: that Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) and the Northeast Maglev (TNEM) had been formed; that BWRR applied for and obtained an abandoned railroad franchise that includes the power of eminent domain except in Baltimore City and the District of Columbia; that Congress with Obama administration support had made available funding for an EIS and preliminary engineering for a maglev; that Maryland Governor Larry Hogan had gone to Japan, ridden a maglev train, liked it and sought out the federal funds; that an EIS was being conducted by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA); and that two of six and

then of three proposed routes went under homes in Greenbelt and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. But this information could not be found in the major news media sources.

Early Responses

In December of 2016 MTA held its first series of meetings for its EIS to determine possible routes and alternates for a maglev rail line. Only one meeting was held within Prince George's County, at the West Lanham Hills Fire Station. MTA also sent out notices to elected officials at the state, county and municipal level and placed advertisements in area publications. Those meetings were mostly unreported and apparently poorly attended. According to MTA it received 75 comments, an average of 15 per meeting, of which only 16 expressed opposition and 16 expressed support; there were 19 comments about the route

alternatives.

According to a Final Scoping report published in May 2017, Prince George's County representatives expressed concern that the trains would fly through the county without stopping, providing no benefits to the county. (The scoping process is meant to introduce and gather input on a project from public and government stakeholders in the initial phase of an EIS.)

They also noted that the county had not signed on to the earlier maglev project proposal, the

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Detailed coverage of the SCMaglev project appeared in front page stories of the News Review published on November 30, December 14 and 28; and on page 6 in the January 4 issue. See archive on greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Council Amends City Charter To Lower the Voting Age Here

by Kathleen Gallagher

It was a cold, dark, icy night when the city council met in Greenbelt on January 8. Although both audience and councilmembers were in somewhat short supply, members of the Youth Advisory Committee made yet another trek to yet another meeting to support their petition, initiated in July 2015, to lower the minimum voting age in city council elections to 16.

What may prove to be the penultimate hurdle was passed that night, as the councilmembers present voted unanimously to so amend the city charter. The motion was made with enthusiasm by Councilmember Leta Mach, who was the only councilmember present that night who had voted for the city council to make the decision last summer rather than waiting.

Assuming the successful passage of the last step, the effect of this change will be to lower the voting age only in Greenbelt's municipal elections. Several city positions that have previously been tied to the minimum voting age will not have their minimum age requirement lowered. It will still be necessary to be at least 18 years old to run for city council or to be appointed as a member of the Employee Relations Board or the Board of Elections. The last step will in all likelihood just involve some sitting and waiting – but we know the Youth Advisory Committee can do that! The text of the changes to be made to the charter must be

advertised publicly until February 27 (50 days after adoption) and a fair summary of the proposed amendment must be advertised at least four times in a newspaper in the city (watch this space!) over that period.

The only potential snag at this point could be that Greenbelt voters who oppose this charter change have the right to file a petition to have the issue placed on a ballot to be decided by the voters sometime in the future. Residents will recall that the matter appeared on the ballot of the November 2017 election, where it passed by a modest margin. That vote was merely an advisory referendum question to advise council. If the matter is petitioned to another referendum, the vote would be a binding one decided by the voters.

Forty days are allowed after adoption for the presentation of such a petition. The petition would require the signatures of at least 20 percent of the qualified voters in the city, which would be roughly 2,600 signatures. If no petition is submitted to the city manager by February 17, then there is clear sailing to mark February 27 as "party day" on the calendar.

Stream Valley Trail

In other business, council voted 3 to 1 to accept the Indian Creek Stream Valley Trail in Greenbelt West into perpetual maintenance by the city. It will still take some time for all the

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PHOTO BY INGRID COWAN HASS

Fourth grade students at Greenbelt Elementary School learn about different factors that pollute the local watershed and Chesapeake Bay, and work to paint four storm drains around the school with anti-pollution messages.

What Goes On

Monday, January 15
Greenbelt City Offices Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., National Day of Service, Buddy Attick Park
Wednesday, January 17
7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, Community Center
8 p.m. Council Worksession with WSSC, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

In Appreciation

Mary Lou Williamson has served this paper and this city with passion and grace for well over 50 years, 45 of those continuously as the editor of the News Review. She’s transitioning to a new role as editor emerita and will continue to work with the paper and its staff to help keep the paper buoyant and vital.

This is service beyond compare, even in a city that has a history of long and faithful service to its institutions. In 1985, Williamson was the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. But the fact is she’s been an outstanding citizen for 50 years.

The members of the News Review and the citizens of the city are grateful and thank their lucky stars for the gift of her service.

The paper will necessarily change. Williamson’s stamp runs through it from tip to toe and nothing will be quite the same. Generous leader that she is, she’s ready to cheer on and assist her successor to make a new and equally successful path.

The News Review Board and Staff

Congratulations

The front-page story on January 4 from Editor Mary Lou Williamson announcing her retirement is a stellar example of the News Review style – clear, crisp, concise and relevant. We strive to publish a local paper each week that has these elements.

Mary Lou has been the heart and soul of the Greenbelt News Review for many decades, leading by example. Her accomplishments are many. Admiration for her skills and courage abounds.

Congratulations, Mary Lou, on your retirement. You have made the staff proud.

Judith Bell

Thanks to Mary Lou

Congratulations and thank you

to Mary Lou Williamson for her 45 years of continuous service as editor of the News Review. Her lifelong love of newspapers foreshadowed a truly venerable legacy for the News Review. I am so grateful for her dutiful work documenting the city’s history and for her leadership with the paper.

And, both as a Greenbelter and an American citizen, I am grateful to her for the role she played in the 1965 libel suit filed against the paper by a developer. This was a landmark case for a free press. I enjoyed learning more about it at the News Review’s 80th anniversary event last year and sharing that experience with Mary Lou, her team at the News Review, Susan Gervasi and the people of Greenbelt in the Old Greenbelt Theatre. We are fortunate that she will continue with the News Review and assist with its next editor’s transition.

Colin Byrd

Defending the Forest

A sky reddening sunset graced my walk into the woods to honor this year being the 15th anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Deep in our treasured forest I stood purposefully in the path of the proposed maglev train. I am standing in a place where 15 years ago love won the day. Where a people’s affection for their land triumphed.

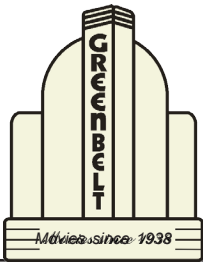
Over a half century of citizen intervention to protect this forest made this moment possible. We meant it, Great Woods, when we set you free; when we emancipated you to flourish as you will. I am relieved to say communities along the proposed route know how shamefully elitist the train is.

But you should know, Great Air Giver, we are at war. The environment is under siege and the current greed agenda is an attack on parks and green national

monuments across America. Even though the wilderness of the United States has sacrificed millions of acres to accommodate the railroad, now they want to build a shiny new one while underfunding the other because they think the earth disposable. They like to think our history is disposable too, that it does not matter. The truth is, Great Woods, our history matters! We have not spent the last 80 years on the end of the rich man’s choke chain. We’re not yanked around by his technophile gee wiz gadgets and bling train. We strive to live with class and dignity by choosing to share the land with nature’s magnificence.

We know green space surrounding affordable housing is a legacy to the world. Take solace, Great Woods. I’ve read recent News Review letters that shine with love for you. Moreover, at the Alonzo Washington meeting there were hundreds of Greenbelt’s outstanding citizenry determined to protect our land and pocketbooks from the con. Also, Brian and Donna Almquist are hosting an information day January 20 to look seriously at this threat, and Stop the Maglev signs are appearing in neighborhoods. See you at the firehouse!

Paul Downs



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Mon. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30 PM

Family Series:
HUGO
(PG) (CC) (128 mins)
Sat. 11:00 AM

DEFENDING UTOPIA: THE GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW
AT 80
Sun. 1:00 PM

Stranger Origins:
STAND BY ME
(R) (1986) (89 mins)
Thurs. 8:00 PM



Cartoon by Shayna Skolnik, originally published February 5, 2015

Correction

Thanks to Mary Johnson for noting that we made an error in the name of Greenbelt’s recently retired city clerk in our Top Stories of 2017 segment in the issue of December 28. The correct name is Cindy Murray, who retired last year after 42 years with the city.

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Community Events

Library Events

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGC-MLS) branches will be closed on Monday, January 15 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Tuesday, January 16 at 1 p.m.

English Conversation Club

Tuesday, January 16: 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join our club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds. Registration is recommended, as space is limited. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings.)

Kids Achieve Club

Tuesday, January 16: 6 p.m. Homework help and reading practice for students in grades K through 6. (This club will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings, concurrent with the English Conversation Club.)

Weekly Storytimes

Tuesday, January 16: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, January 17: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, January 18: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages newborn to 2, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library’s storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 16: 7 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors to discuss great contemporary books every month. January’s selection is No One is Coming to Save Us by Stephanie Powell Watts.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, January 20: 10:30 a.m., ages 2 to 5. Calling all Preschoolers and Toddlers! Come bust a move and shake your sillies out at the Greenbelt Bibliobop Dance Party. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop.

Read to Rover

Saturday, January 20: 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children ages 6 to 11 and helps them build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Presented every third Saturday of each month. Registration recommended; call the Library at 301-345-5800 for more information.



Family Group Meets

Families Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship for people concerned about the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. The group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Step Club, 141 Centerway. See FamiliesAnonymous.org for more information.

Reel and Meal

On the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, January 15, the Reel and Meal at the New Deal film series will feature Whose Streets?, Saabaah Folayan’s 2017 film about the demonstrations in Ferguson, Mo., after the 2014 shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, by Darren Wilson, a white police officer. The film takes footage from Instagram, Vine and hand-held cameras to follow several Ferguson activists as they attempt to hold those people in power accountable for police brutality. The program will start at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café, following an optional buffet (there is a charge) served from 6:30 p.m.

After the film, Jonathan Hutto, coordinator of the Prince Georges County People’s Coalition in Maryland, will lead a discussion about civil rights in Prince George’s County.

The Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition has planned this program. For more information, contact 301-441-9377 or justpeacepg@earthlink.net. If coming for the meal, RSVP at the Reel & Meal Facebook event or go to the New Deal Café website. Local sponsors of the series are Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Green Vegan Networking.

Presentation Explains Estate Planning

Learn about wills and probate, how they work and what to look out for. Learn about trusts – revocable, irrevocable, special needs – and how they work.

Understand why powers of attorneys, advance directives and HIPAA authorizations are essential to every estate plan. Get familiar with basic Medicaid, Medicare and VA benefits concepts.

This will be an interactive presentation so expect to get many questions answered. The workshop will be held at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, 2nd floor on Tuesday, January 23 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 to register by Friday, January 19.

Project Tutor: Free Tutoring Program

Students in elementary and middle schools in the Greenbelt area are invited to sign up for a free 12-week tutoring program. The Better Place, Inc., a nonprofit organization, will be implementing Project Tutor from January 13 to April 28 at the Greenbelt Library. Meetings will be held on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. The youth of the Greenbelt community are invited to help support their peers in becoming career and college ready.

Students from middle and high schools can receive community service hours by signing up as volunteer tutors and will help promote peer-to-peer tutoring. Interested volunteers will be trained as tutors on Saturday, January 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the small meeting room at the Library. Tutoring will begin Saturday, January 20. Contact Chris Person by email chriswperson@yahoo.com to sign up for tutoring or to be trained as a volunteer tutor. Project Tutor: Guardians of Greenbelt is funded and sponsored by the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

GHI Notes

Thursday, January 11, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, January 12, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, January 15, office closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day). Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m., Bicycle Task Force Meeting, GHI Kitchen;

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, January 18, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, January 19, 7 p.m., Executive Session of the Board (MCP#1), Board Room



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Marjorie Gray invites jigsaw fans to stop by and dive into this ocean-themed 3,000-piece puzzle in progress in the Senior Game Room, Room 109 in the Community Center.

Food Recovery Planning Meeting

All are invited to meet on Saturday, January 13 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café to devise a plan for recovering food from Greenbelt Co-op. This plan will be presented to Co-op and its board for approval and implementation.

Situation: there is a lot of grocery food waste

Objective: to reduce food waste

Strategy: develop a food recovery plan

Tactic: partner with food recovery organizations

Golden Age Club

Happy New Year. The Golden Age Club is ready to start up the new year and welcomes both old and new members. Dues for 2018 are now being collected by Kathleen McFarland.

January 17 will be the monthly potluck and birthday luncheon. Bring a dish to share (it does not have to be homemade).

On January 24 come enjoy a game of bingo. And on January 31 participate in the fifth Wednesday tea and chat. Bring a special tea cup and a snack to share.

Weather reminder: if schools have any delay in opening or are closed for the day, there will be no meeting.

Utopia Film Festival

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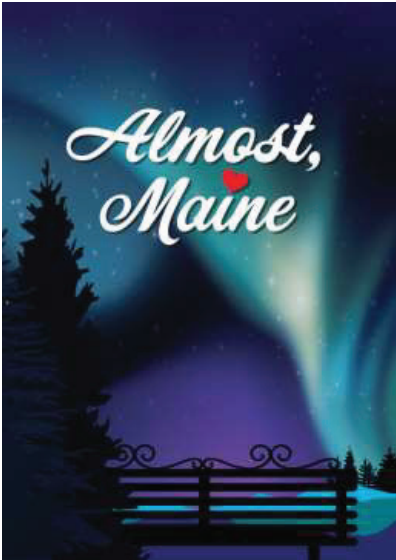
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Mishkan Torah Offers Betty Ladas Concert

Greenbelt songwriter-musician Betty Ladas will ring in the new year by presenting a concert of her original songs at Mishkan Torah on Saturday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be free, and the general public is invited. Donations will be accepted.

Ladas resides in Greenbelt where she has been an active song writer and performer. She is the author and composer of Choking Out the Kuzdu, an original musical performed in April 2015 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. She has written original compositions for numerous corporate presentations, commercials and productions. She refuses to characterize the kind of music which she writes. She prefers to describe her eclectic style as “North of Country South of Blues.”

Ladas states that she sees things as they are and puts it all to music.

She is at home on the guitar as well as the piano and says she only wishes she had more hands so she could simultaneously play the harmonica. Ladas draws some of her best material from everyday life, such as Remember which sets forth the poignant reminiscences of a mother attending the wedding of her beloved daughter. In another song distilled from everyday life experience, Beauty Queen, a woman looks in the mirror, realizes she is getting no younger then has the rejuvenating experience of her significant other dancing with her in the kitchen, thus realizing that, as she ages, his love for her only increases.

Ladas loves her audience and they seem to love her right back. When her music doesn’t draw a laugh, it illuminates the other side of a coin and sometimes breaks a heart, but keeps everybody entertained. Plan to attend this special performance by this extraordinary Greenbelt artist. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

New Law Requires ActiveSmokeAlarms

As of January 1, 2018 a new Maryland law requires at least one working smoke alarm on every level of a home. For more information visit pgfdpio.blogspot.com.



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Lake – the fish, turtles, frogs and everyone else – can survive the cool water. Some of them hide in the mud at the bottom, hibernating until spring. Meanwhile the lake turnover caused by the freezing (and the thawing in the spring) brings fresh nutrients to the plants and animals that live under the surface.

We can see some as we watch from the top. The lake will freeze and thaw again as we watch and we may slip and slide as we explore the science of ice.

Amy Hansen is an award-winning science writer for such publications as the National Science Foundation and Highlights for Children and a writer for the News Review.



Animal tracks decorate the snow at Greenbelt Lake on Friday.

PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Greenbelt Contra Dance



Community members enjoy contra dancing in the Youth Center gym on January 6.

PHOTO BY JADA YOUNG



“God has created us all human...He is kind & just to all. Why should we be unkind & unjust to each other?”
- Baha’i Writings

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Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 15 are as follows:

Monday, January 15: Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 16: Beef meat sauce, whole grain penne pasta, green beans, breadsticks, apple fruit treat, grape juice.

Wednesday, January 17: Cheese omelet with picante sauce, O’Brien potatoes, spinach, English muffin, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Thursday, January 18: Pork roast with raisin sauce, mashed spiced yams, Harvard beets, wheat roll, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Friday, January 19: Ten-grain pollock, mixed greens, peach crisp, potato salad, cornbread muffin, orange juice.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Alice Donahue of 14-F Ridge Road on the loss of her last living sister, Barbara Tancreto, who died on December 13. She was 96 years old. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to St. Jude’s Hospital.

Congratulations to Public Works’ Brian Townsend in his new position as assistant director of parks.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.



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Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister, with Carol Carter Walker, Janet Overton and Carolyn Byerly; Jeri Holloway, Worship Associate; Carla Miller, DMRE; the Choir, and the Chalice Dancers

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Sunday Worship
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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 14-18

Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center 15 Crescent Road, Rm 114. *On the agenda: Mayor's report and Recreation Director report*

Wednesday, January 17 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/WSSC re: Boxwood Waterline Replacement** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

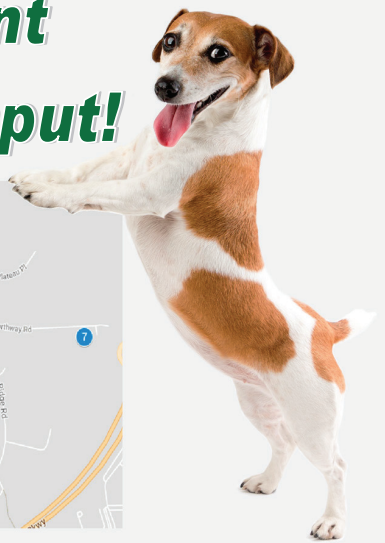
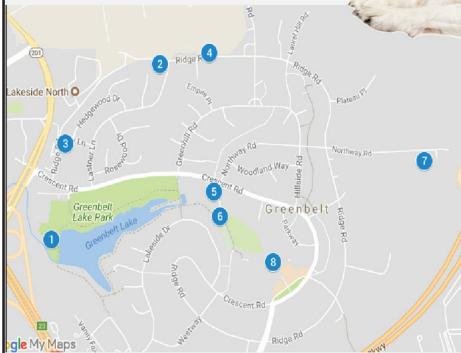
REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 15
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
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Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 19



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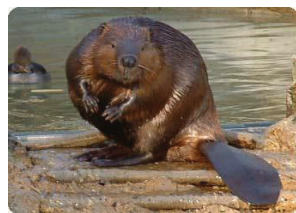


Take the City of Greenbelt's short survey on a possible 2nd Dog Park! Survey is located at www.surveymonkey.com/r/greenbeltdogpark
Survey includes link to map and information about proposed sites.

Paper copies of the survey will also be available at city facilities.

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Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of January 8, 2018, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by State Law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until February 17, 2018, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on February 27, 2018, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT FOUND, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, IN THE COMPILATION OF MUNICIPAL CHARTERS OF MARYLAND (1983 EDITION AS AMENDED), AS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND OF 1983, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12, 15, 16 AND 20 TO CHANGE THE VOTING AGE FOR CITY ELECTIONS TO THOSE 16 YEARS OLD AND OLDER AND TO CLARIFY THAT THOSE WHO SERVE ON THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD, THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND CITY COUNCIL MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

Sec. 12. Employee relations board.

(a) Members; appointment. There shall be an employee relations board consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the council. Members of the employee relations board shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age; and no member of this board shall hold any other elective or appointive office in the city government.

Sec. 15. Voters.

A qualified voter within the meaning of this charter shall be any person who is a resident of the City of Greenbelt and who is duly registered with Prince George's County under the applicable provisions of the [Article 33] Election Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and is at least 16 years of age; provided that eligibility to vote in any city election shall be subject to applicable registration deadlines as set forth in the charter and code of the city.

Sec. 16. Board of elections--Generally.

(a) Appointment. There shall be a board of elections consisting of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the city council. The members shall be appointed for a term ending on the third Monday of January in even numbered years or until their successors are appointed. Members shall serve for a term of four (4) years, or until their successors are appointed; except that, of the members first appointed, three (3) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1978; and two (2) shall be appointed for a term expiring on the third Monday in January, 1976.

Members of the board of elections shall be qualified voters of the city who are at least 18 years of age and shall not hold or be candidates for any elective office in government (federal, state, or local) during their term of office. The board shall elect one of its members as chairman who shall serve at the pleasure of the board until a successor chairman is elected. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the city council.

Three (3) members of the board shall constitute a quorum at meetings duly called pursuant to rules to be adopted by the board.

Sec. 20. Nominations.

(a) Any qualified voter who is at least 18 years of age may be nominated for the office of member of council upon filing at the office of the city clerk a nominating petition signed by not fewer than fifty (50) voters, a written acceptance of the nomination, and such other statements as may be required by this charter or by law. Upon the finding by the city clerk that the nomination petition, the written acceptance, and such other statements as may be required are in order, the name of such nominee shall be authorized to be placed upon the ballot.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-3870 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY PLEDGE

"The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched."

We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply call 301-474-8000.

RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2019

City of Greenbelt's Recognition Group applications for Basic, Project and Operating grants are available on the city's website www.greenbeltmd.gov. Please read the Recognition Group Policy and Information Guide before filling out the application. The deadline to submit an application is 4:30pm on Friday, February 23. Please read the Recognition Group Policy and Information Guide before filling out the application. Applications must be complete. For more information contact 301-397-2200 or cpacht@greenbeltmd.gov.

MLK JR. DAY OF SERVICE

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board encourage residents to take part in community service opportunities. Throughout the City's history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

The City's many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BusinessDirectory/IL.x?lngBusinessCategoryId=35>

The online home of the Corporation for National and Community Service at www.serve.gov

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
www.mlkday.gov

Christmas Tree Collection

Your discarded Christmas tree can be recycled. The Public Works Department will pick up trees at the locations listed below and process them through the wood chipper. The chips will be used as mulch around trees and flower beds.

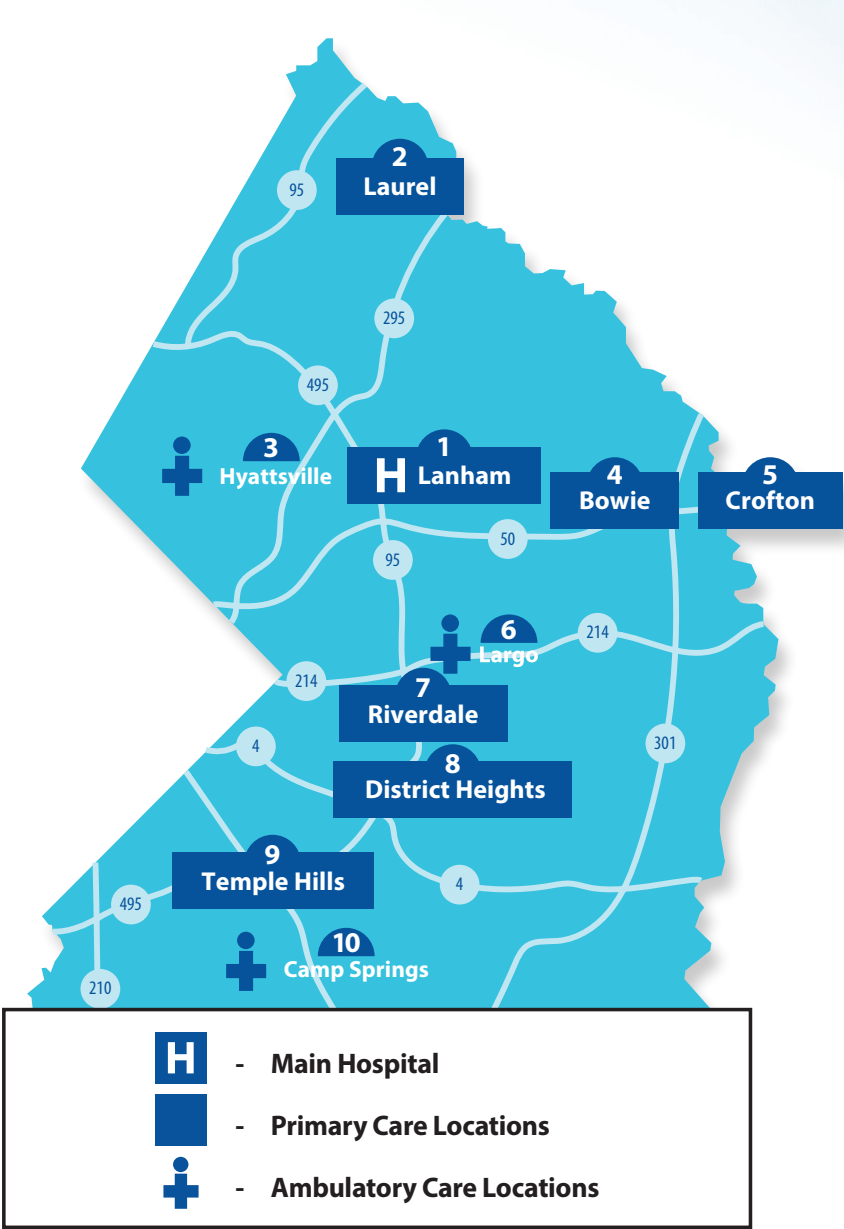
Please bring trees to any of the locations listed at www.greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?nid=361 up until February 2, 2018.



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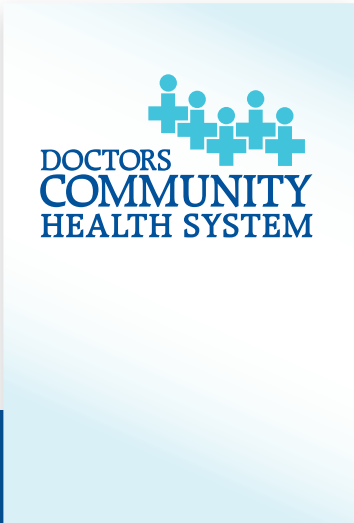
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report said. District 3 County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros attended the West Lanham Hills meeting in her district, and expressed similar concerns and also questioned the impact on local watersheds.

BWRR’s first presentation to the Prince George’s County Council was at a council retreat in Annapolis in January 2017, about which there was little public knowledge. No meeting minutes or videos have been posted online, as is normally done with other council meetings.

On April 5, a public information meeting in Bowie conducted by MTA for the EIS was attended by Bowie city staff. City Manager Al Lott made an extensive report to the Bowie City Council about it. At that time, six alternate routes were being considered along with the standard no build. Three of those routes ran through Bowie, two well east of the Amtrak line and through residential neighborhoods. The other three ran through Greenbelt. The first in a series of news stories by the Bowie Blade-News/Capital Gazette was published about that meeting on April 11.

CATS

Subsequently concerned Bowie citizens organized Citizens Against This SCMaglev (CATS, at stopthistrain.org). Led by Dennis Brady, a former Bowie councilmember, the organization has grown through the year and now includes opponents residing outside the city who also are concerned about the SCMaglev proposal.

The next Blade-News article appeared in July, after a crowd of over 150 Bowie residents filled the council chambers to hear a presentation by BWRR. Officials from BWRR later made presentations to other municipalities.

In August, the Blade-News reported that Governor Larry Hogan had come to the Bowie City Hall and assured city officials that their concerns would be addressed. At a September 5 EIS informational meeting at Bowie State University, the Blade-News reported the six alternate routes had been reduced to three; one following the Amtrak line through old Bowie and the other two through Greenbelt East.

On September 21, Greenbelt City Council learned through a press release issued by Hogan’s office of the proposed widening of the Capital Beltway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and that the state sought to take over control of the National Park Service portion of the Parkway. At its September 25 meeting, council asked staff to address letters of opposition to those proposals. The SCMaglev EIS study was included in the state’s plan, but not mentioned in the News Review story for that meeting. (Minutes for that meeting have yet to be approved).

The first time the SCMaglev proposal appeared on the city council’s agenda was at its October 9 meeting; it was placed there by Councilmember Rodney Roberts. Council took no action because a worksession with BWRR representatives was scheduled for the following Wednesday. No informational material was provided the public in advance, and due to the day of the week, the worksession was not cablecast or video streamed. No reporter was present, as the

News Review was unable to find a volunteer to cover it.

All councilmembers were present along with eight residents, four of which were council candidates. The worksession minutes indicate that only Councilmember Judith Davis opined that she thought the money to construct the project could be better spent improving the current railway system, while Councilmember Edward Putens questioned the project’s benefits.

Opposition Ad

The first sign of Greenbelt resident opposition in print was an advertisement by Brian and Donna Almquist of the Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice, criticizing council for not better notifying residents of the BWRR worksession and urging all residents to tell city councilmembers to “oppose the proposed construction of the MAGLEV (sic) train system because of the possible adverse impacts it would have on Greenbelt.”

For its October 23 meeting, the last meeting before the city election, staff prepared draft letters to numerous officials: one providing comments on the Transportation Program including opposing the widening of the Beltway and Parkway and also the SCMaglev; a second strongly opposing the maglev project (although council had yet to take a position on the matter); and a third opposing the Beltway and Parkway widening projects. All were authorized to be sent by unanimous council vote and all councilmembers signed each letter.

In the letter in opposition to the EIS study, council stated concerns that included the impact to the community of tunneling construction and ventilator shafts, the train line coming out of the ground at a city ballfield and forest preserve on one route and the impacts to environmentally sensitive federal lands north of the city.

News Review

The first in-depth News Review article by Maria Heard appeared on October 26 (p. 15), an issue crammed full of election reporting. Heard reported on an open meeting that was held on the maglev EIS at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and noted opposition to the project by CATS.

An article on the maglev coming to Greenbelt was also published in the November 17, 2017, issue of the Roosevelt Raider, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School student-run newspaper. Staff writer Nyla Howell reported on student concerns about the proposal for the train to run through the high school.

Concerned that the county government had no legal voice in the approval process, the county council again discussed the proposal with BWRR representatives at a transportation planning worksession on October 17. Council Chair Derrick Davis acknowledged at that meeting that the EIS review process had gotten way beyond “what we know.” All councilmembers expressed concern and some voiced outright opposition. They pointed out that Baltimore City was able to give its own railroad franchise to BWRR for operating the railway within the city.

The only reporting found at the time of the meeting was by WTOP TV Channel 9. WTOP has posted several other stories since then about SCMaglev happenings.

On November 17, WJLA TV channel 7 reported on homeowner opposition to the maglev proposal in Severn and elsewhere.

Other Coverage

Except for WTOP, WJLA, the Bowie Blade-News, the News Review and a few online websites, area press coverage has been sparse, brief and mostly based upon press releases. Only two opinion pieces – and no news articles of significance – were found in the Post during 2017, until a detailed story by

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paperwork and formalities to be taken care of.

The development of the Greenbelt Station South Core included construction of a recreational trail amenity known as the Indian Creek Stream Valley Trail, which provides bicycle and pedestrian connections to and from the Greenbelt Station community to Cherrywood Lane (at Breezewood Drive) and to Branchville Road. One of the awaited trails in Greenbelt Station, this one includes an 8-to-10 foot asphalt path, boardwalk and bridge over Indian Creek.

New Law Firm

Council voted unanimously to appoint the firm of Alexander & Cleaver for a period of one year to provide the service of city solicitor. An interview panel comprising City Manager Nicole Ard, three other senior staff and current City Solicitor Karen Ruff, interviewed the four firms that responded to a Request for Qualifications.

The panel was particularly impressed with the qualifications of Alexander & Cleaver in municipal government, personnel, law enforcement, the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights and land use, as well as contracts and environmental matters. Ruff will be leaving her current firm to move into a position in city administration with the City of New Carrollton. Councilmembers wished her the best and thanked her for work on behalf of the city.

Council Appointments

Council undertook a task it carries out following the city council election every two years in making appointments of its members to serve as liaisons to its own advisory boards and committees, as well as to the boards and committees of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Few changes in assignments were made, but recently elected Councilmember Colin Byrd will serve as the new liaison to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES).

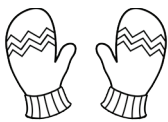
At Byrd’s suggestion, council agreed to send a letter to the city’s state delegation requesting them to act in opposing the maglev. Mayor Emmett Jordan observed that the delegation did not seem very active in this opposition and he hoped a letter sent to them directly might help. Councilmembers also accepted a request from Councilmember Rodney Roberts to include delegations representing nearby areas that would also be affected.

Police Phones

A topic that will be covered in more detail in a future issue is a proposed new telephone system for the Police Department. Since several requests were made by council for additional information, the matter will return to a future agenda.

TAG Showcase

The Talented and Gifted Center Specialty Program Showcase is set for Wednesday, January 17 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Kenmoor Middle School, 2500 Kenmoor Drive, Landover. Greenbelt Middle School is a TAG Center School. For more information call 301-808-3790 or visit the TAG office website pgcps.org/tag/.





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Luz Lazo was published in the Sunday, January 7 Metro section (p. 1). In a January 22, 2017, opinion piece Kevin DeGood wrote that Hogan’s efforts to bring a maglev rail line to Maryland deserves a “great deal of skepticism” and he questioned the proposal’s cost effectiveness. However, in an op-ed piece on November 10, local sports team owner Ted Leonsis applauded the project as needed to make the Baltimore-Washington-Richmond area “a supercity.”

The Washington Times website includes a variety of articles from other sources, but no articles originating with that paper. The Baltimore Sun has published one story with a small map about how the project affects various areas of Baltimore City. The Sun’s Laurel Leader wrote that Laurel Mayor Craig Moe expressed concerns about the project and said the money could be better spent on other transportation projects.

On November 1, TNEM-BWRR signed an agreement to use union workers for the construction project according to a post that day by the Baltimore Business Journal. At the event, Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh voiced support for the project as an enticement to attract the Amazon.com second headquarters facility to that city. (Baltimore was recently eliminated from that search.) Some individual labor unions have also endorsed the project.

Finally, the Baltimore and Washington Business Journals have published maglev stories largely based on press releases and events over the years.

Organized Opposition

CATS, which Brady claims has more than 2,700 members, is the only organized opposition citizen group found in an online search. While the organization opposes the maglev line anywhere, it arose out of residents’ opposition to routes running through Greenbelt, and not Bowie, may end CATS’s participation in opposing the project.

Many state legislators have also expressed opposition, including all those representing Greenbelt and Bowie and some representing other impacted districts. The Anne Arundel Board of Education expressed opposition in November over concern that some of the routes went under their schools.

Heather Vecchioni in an Around Linthicum blog has reported on a meeting of the Linthicum Shipley Improvement Association (LSIA) in which she quotes Secretary Kevin Plessner telling the Anne Arundel County Executive and three Maryland delegates that LSIA has partnered with a number of other communities in opposition to SCMaglev, including Bowie, Piney Orchard and others. Linthicum is the area on the north side of the airport.

The Nathan Baca WJLA story reported on concern and opposition by residents and homeowners association board members in Colonial Park in Severn.

No reports of citizen opposition to the SCMaglev routes through Washington, D.C., Baltimore County or Baltimore City have been found posted on the internet. Nor has there been

organized opposition apparent in the Bladensburg, Lanham and New Carrollton areas of the county where numerous homes and schools will be above the designated alternate routes.

Support

Meanwhile, the TNEM-prepared SCMaglev presentation given to governmental bodies and at public informational meetings, declares that the stakeholder opinion of 86 percent of those polled supports building a maglev high-speed train between Washington and New York City. The finding, by the Louis-Berger Group of Baltimore-Washington, also states that 81 percent of those polled believe government spending on infrastructure projects is vital ... including 90 percent of Democrats and 68 percent of Republicans.

There is no information published as to how this poll was taken. Louis Berger is a global infrastructure and development firm; its U.S. division provides a broad range of engineering, planning, architecture, development, construction and program management services to U.S. federal, state, local and private clients, according to the company website.

While no other statistical data is readily available on the internet, the indication of support, if accurate, may reflect general support for newer and better modes of railroad transportation such as the bullet train and the Acela. Based upon lack of information, few appear to be aware of maglevs and even fewer have knowledge of how they work or what

is involved in building them.

For more information, the following websites are suggested at bwmaglev.info; federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/25/2016-28285/environmental-impact-statement-for-the-baltimore-washington-superconducting-maglev-scmaglev-project; usjmaglev.com; and stopthistrain.org.

Sketch and Observe Refuge in Winter

On Sunday, January 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. those age 14 and older can join a ranger for a hike and to sketch observations of the refuge during winter. Dress for the weather. Bringing a sketchbook is optional.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

College Park Holds M.L. King Tribute

The City of College Park presents its annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 13 at 3 p.m. in the Kay Theatre of The Clarice.

This program will feature a keynote address by business strategist, writer and speaker Jennifer B. Jones. Stay for a brief reception and an opportunity to meet the performers. This event is free.

Democratic Club Honors MLK In Annapolis Trip on Monday

by Konrad Herling

January at the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club features two important events. On Monday, January 15 at 5 p.m. there will be the annual bus trip to Annapolis to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Then on Sunday, January 28, at 3 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building (7600 Hanover Parkway), the club’s monthly meeting will feature former U.S. Representative Donna Edwards, a candidate for Prince George’s County executive.

To find out if there are any seats left on the bus for the MLK event, call the office of Delegate Tawanna Gaines at 301-858-3058. Plan to arrive at the parking lot no later than 4:45 p.m. There is a fee.

The Annapolis event, which the District 22 Legislative Team arranges, honors the memory, promises and accomplishments of Dr. King, and always features an inspiring speaker who connects the challenges the civil rights leader faced more than a half


century ago with those of today. State Delegates Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington and State Senator Paul Pinsky will provide their insights about the impact that King had on them personally and on society as a whole, and highlight their goals and challenges for the 2018 legislative session. Prior to these presentations, those attending the event will be treated to a dinner provided by Three Brothers Restaurant.

Concerning the January 28 meeting, Edwards is the third of four candidates for county executive that the club has featured. More information about this event will be forthcoming in next week’s issue of the Greenbelt News Review.

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club welcomes new members. For more information about the club and its activities, call 202-321-4207 or view the organization’s website at rooseveltclub.com.

Send us your photos!

The News Review would like to print more photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture. Send us no more than five photos at a time.



Stop the SCMAGLEV Train

Saturday January 20, 2018, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Greenbelt Fire Station at 125 Crescent Road

Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR) Inc. has proposed the construction and operation of a high-speed superconducting magnetic levitation (SCMAGLEV) train system between Baltimore and Washington D.C. There are no stops in our County.

There are three routes under consideration. Two of these follow the BW Parkway as they pass right through Greenbelt. BWRR has stated a preference for one of these BW Parkway routes, which will not only impact Greenbelt but also communities north and south of Greenbelt. It is important that we stand together with these communities in opposing the BW Parkway routes. At risk are trees, wildlife habitat, green space, and property values. We oppose the entire project.

Come anytime between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

The purpose is to organize opposition to the two BW Parkway routes by: (1) providing information about the two routes; (2) writing letters, which we will send to the decision makers and elected officials; and, (3) hearing from elected officials and activists from the communities impacted by the two routes.

We will have the following:

1. Letters to which attendees can add their own comments
2. Display maps showing the two proposed BW Parkway routes
3. Detailed maps of the two routes to locate homes and communities
4. Maps showing the estimated vibration and noise levels for the two routes
5. Speakers from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** (elected officials and activists)

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at: GreenbeltAdvocates.ESJ@gmail.com

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
December 27, 11:25 p.m., Springhill Drive near Cherrywood Terrace. A cab driver picked up a fare at the Greenbelt Metro station and drove him to Springhill Drive near Cherrywood Terrace, as requested. The man then produced a handgun, announced a robbery and fled on foot toward the 9100 block Springhill Lane after getting money. He is described as black, 20 to 23 years old, 5 feet to 5 feet 2 inches tall, with a thin build, mustache and beard with hair in a short afro, wearing blue jeans and a black jacket.

December 29, 7:56 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A man in the restroom at Three Brother’s Italian Restaurant was robbed at knifepoint by three men who entered after he did. They then fled on foot.

January 2, 2:44 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A man arranged to purchase a cell phone over social media and was near the footbridge in the 9300 block Edmonston Road to complete the transaction when two men approached him. They forcibly attempted to take money from him but were unsuccessful and fled on foot.

Arson
January 1, 7:45 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. An attempt was made to set paper on fire in the hallway of a condominium building.

Assault and Battery
December 28, 7:51 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Three employees at Greenway Beauty Supply confronted a woman who attempted to steal merchandise. She produced a knife and stabbed the three employees and fled on foot. They were transported to Med-STAR Trauma Center for treatment. The woman is described as black, 35 to 45 years old, heavy-set, with a medium complexion and hair in red braids, wearing a black puffy jacket, blue and white knit hat and blue sneakers, carrying a black bag.

Theft
December 30, 2:15 p.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. A man in an elevator was carrying boxes with his cell phone on top of them. He observed another man also in the elevator. After the man with boxes got off the elevator, he noticed that his phone was missing and observed the other man walk off on another floor. He is described as being black, 6 feet 2 inches tall, with a thin build and short hair, wearing a white robe.

December 30, 7:08 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended cell phone was taken from a table at Subway Restaurant.

January 3, 1:30 p.m., Miner Street near South Center Drive. Building materials were taken from a construction site.

January 4, 5 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

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Burglary
January 1, 12:25 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Two video game players, three notebook-type computers, prescription medication and change were taken when a residence was entered by forcing open a rear door.

Vehicle Crime
Four vehicles were stolen. A white 1999 Dodge Caravan with Md. tags RYE1129 was stolen January 2 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A white 2002 Jeep Liberty with Md. tags 4DC5046 was taken January 4 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Two vehicles were taken from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway on January 4, a blue 2004 Jeep Liberty with Md. tags 9CX0901 and a gray 4-door 1989 Jeep Cherokee with Md. tags Z18930.

Two vehicles reported stolen by Prince George’s County police were recovered. These are a 2013 Hino trailer, recovered in the 7200 block Hanover Drive, and a 1995 Honda Accord, located in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Five reports of thefts from autos were received. Rear Md. tags were stolen, 9BM0135 from the 7700 block Jacob’s Drive and 8DC1528 from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Three thefts occurred after windows were broken to allow access at 32 Crescent Road (coat and GPS unit), 100 block Westway (money) and 9100 block Springhill Lane (CDs).

Four acts of vandalism were reported. Tires were slashed in 1 Court Plateau Place; front passenger windows were broken out in two vehicles in the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a front passenger door handle was broken in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway.

Despite icy weather blanketing the region, only one auto accident reported in Greenbelt was related to slick roads. Two officers responded during the evening hours of January 8 to the scene on Lakeside Drive. No injuries were reported, only property damage, said George Mathews, public affairs liaison for the Greenbelt Police Department.

Another accident, single-vehicle and unrelated to weather conditions, occurred on Cherrywood Lane near Greenbelt Road on January 8 at 12:29 p.m., causing traffic disruption but no injuries. The driver was trapped in the vehicle when a telephone pole fell on the vehicle, Mathews reported, adding that once the pole was removed the driver emerged uninjured. However, subsequent infrastructure repairs closed westbound traffic on Greenbelt Road until around 4 a.m. on January 9.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal
Sunday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Group: Weekly Brunch Meeting. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Newcomers are welcome. Noon to 2 p.m., Jazz Brunch with the Not2Cool Jazz Trio. 7 to 9 p.m., Jolly Llama. Get jolly with the Jolly Llama’s psychedelic twist on classic rock featuring sitar and flute in celebration of the Monterey Pop Festival and the Summer of Love. They’ll cover era gems by Traffic, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Mamas & The Papas, The Lemon Pipers, Pink Floyd and many more. Bring bubbles, llama feed, dancin’ shoes, flowers in your hair and kaleidoscope eyes.

Monday, January 15, 7 to 9 p.m., Reel and Meal at the New Deal: Whose Streets, about the demonstrations in Ferguson after the shooting of Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson.


Tuesday, January 16, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Rising Star Karaoke. Come out and shine as you take the New Deal stage and sing your favorites. State-of-the-art sound equipment and expansive song selections. Hosted by the dynamic Kelley Hildebrand.

Wednesday, January 17, 7 to 9 p.m., Pub Quiz. Bring your own team or form one on the spot. A dollar will be collected from each participant, which will be the prize for the winning team. Come out and test your knowledge on topics from Aardvarks to Zymurgy. See if you can beat the winning team from the last quiz.

Thursday, January 18, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Open Mic with Joe Harris. Everyone and all styles of music are welcome.

Friday, January 19, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Allman Others Band. Comprising a super-group of the area’s best local musicians, this D.C. tribute to The Allman Brothers recreates the mystery and magic of Allman classics. Ghanaian percussionist and world beat master, Nana Frimpong, adds a distinctive global groove that makes the music fresh.

Saturday, January 20, 1 to 3 p.m., Poetry Open Mic. Express your inner beatnik through the spoken word. 4 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., 49 Cent Dress. Featuring vocalist Melissa Orr, this D.C.-based band offers rock and roll with a dash of blues and soul featuring tunes by Amy Winehouse, Van Morrison, Duffy and many others.



Governance Meeting Sunday, January 14
The Center for Dynamic Community Governance is hosting a free, fun and informative neighborhood exchange on Sunday, January 14. The Introduction to Dynamic Community Governance class is from 1 to 2 p.m. Have fun learning about the basics of the approach to community participation in Greenbelt.


The Community Peer Learning Circle will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. This is for those who have had previous training and want to improve their skills. To register and receive venue information, email John at john@dynamic-governance.org.

Missing Man’s Body Found Monday Near BWI Airport

by Jill Connor

After a week of flyers, Facebook posts, news reports and the concerns of many Greenbelters and others who heard the story, the body of Daniel DeHaven, was found in Anne Arundel County on January 9. DeHaven, a 65-year-old man who suffered from dementia and was non-verbal, disappeared from Costco in Beltsville. According to reports on the Greenbelters facebook page, DeHaven was a Greenbelt resident at one time. He was found by a citizen out for a walk in a wooded area near Dorsey Road and Baltimore Washington Airport. The Anne Arundel County Police Department said “There are no suspicious factors in the death,” and that they will follow up with the medical examiner to determine cause and manner of death.

The search and concern for DeHaven was widely publicized. Friends of the DeHaven family created a website and social media pages to spread the word and to generate money for the family. The crowdfunding website generated over \$7,500 dollars and was shared more than 510 times in less than a week. Their Facebook page claimed over 150 people showed up for just one search in Beltsville. Hundreds of people commented on the “Help Us Find Danny Francis DeHaven” Facebook page and dozens on the private Greenbelters group page where there were numerous posts. There were multiple news outlets that reported DeHaven missing and publicized the searches. Within those pages



Daniel DeHaven


a few people claimed sightings but the Prince George’s County Police shared one such lead and search in Silver Spring that did not yield anything.

The police remind people to check on elderly neighbors and take extra caution with anyone in your care during the freezing temperatures.

City Notes

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews collected 25.88 tons of refuse and 15.89 tons of recyclable material.

Planning and promotion continued for two new classes at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Computer Lab. Paradyme Management, in collaboration with the STEM program at Springhill Lake Elementary School, will be offering a programming class using a program called Scratch for Youth as well as a web design program for adults.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 18, 2018


GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1. GHI Closed Session – Begins @ 7:00 p.m.

- Approve Minutes of the Executive Session Meeting Held on December 21, 2017
- Consider the terms and conditions of the following contracts in the negotiation stage:
 - Contract for the Repair of a Unit – 2nd reading
 - Proposed Contracts for the 2018-2020 Phases of the Homes Improvement Program – 2nd reading
- Consider a rental permit request from a Member
- Member financial matters

2. GHI Open Session – Begins @ 7:30 p.m.

- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on December 21, 2017
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on December 21, 2017
- Bicycle Task Force's Request to Become a Standing Committee
- Integrated Technology Task Force's Recommendations
- Task Force’s Report re: Board Meeting Procedures
- Bylaws’ Provision re: Approval of Multi-year Contracts



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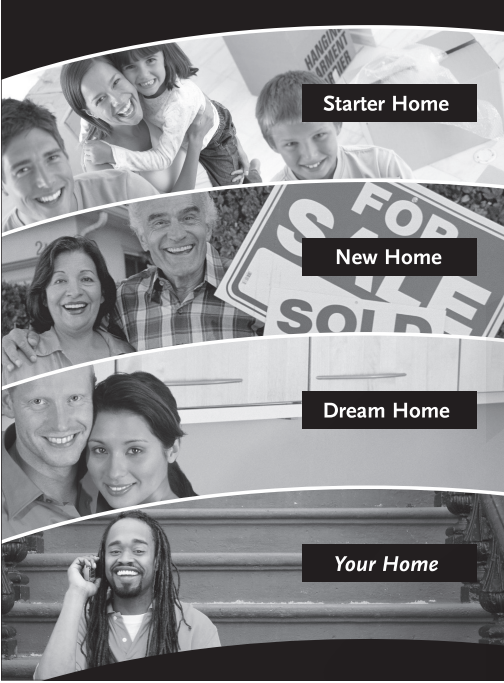
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Older Greenbelters Give New Meaning to Fossil Fuel Use

by Cathie Meetre

It has become unpopular and downright politically incorrect to use up fossil fuels. Burning them adds pollution and creates greenhouse effects associated with climate change. The Baby Boomer generation has heeded the warning and mourns the behemoth chrome gas-guzzlers of yesteryear which at least had some character and heft to them. The ecologically minded favor, instead, the stealthy hybrid and the self-driving battery on wheels.

This city, however, positively thrives on fossil fuel of a different kind. The city committees, activities, volunteer groups, food pantries, this newspaper and many more organizations depend significantly on volunteer labor contributed by retired folks who have the time to do it. Somehow, despite challenges with technology and between doctor visits and dental implants, these fossils from the 1930s through the mid-1950s contribute about 80 percent of all the volunteer labor in Greenbelt that is not directly associated with school children and their sporting lives. Older Greenbelters often mutter darkly to themselves that they can't figure out how they ever had time to hold down a job.

Here's the problem. The Baby Boomer generation is officially dying out. Actuarially speaking, the generation is as lemmings positively galloping off the cliff (and not galloping fast enough for a younger person paying Social Security). In the future, the next-up cohort of older people will be fewer – simultaneously improving the outlook for Social Security and diminishing audiences for classical music and tribute bands. Currently, the Baby Boomers are doing so much for the community that the world will undoubtedly go to hell in a handbasket without them. Many wonder what will happen to the city and its multifarious activities.

It is interesting to note that in the 1960s, the staff of this newspaper were much younger – naturally. But the average age of

a member of the News Review at that time was about 40 to 45. Today, the average age of a member is about 65 – and that's only if some of them are telling the truth about their age.

Readers, especially those of more tender years, should consider whether they can add their undoubted skills and wisdom to an organization in Greenbelt to lower the average age and provide a bridge to the future. Younger folks should consider signing up for just one activity or one board. Getting in some practice at volunteering now would be practical as they're going to need it and sooner than they think – because, to mix a metaphor or two, the current fossil fuel reserve is getting long in tooth and claw.

Note: statistics quoted in this article are pure guesswork – which makes them as close to true as most.

EPA Offers Grants For Environmental Ed

Up to \$3 million for locally-focused environmental education grants is now available through the 2018 EE Local Grant Program, which will award three to four grants of \$50,000 to \$100,000 in each of its 10 regions.

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Proposals are due by March 15. Requests for proposals will be posted at grants.gov. For more information and resources, go to epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants.



The Greenbelt News Review Seeks Applicants for Editor

The ideal person will be a city resident, familiar with the community. She or he will be a strong writer and editor capable of producing consistent and highly readable copy working within a team. While previous editorial or newspaper experience is a plus, common sense, an eagle eye, good person-to-person skills and a can-do attitude are primary.

The successful candidate will be conversant with modern technology, particularly as it applies to printing, including familiarity with graphics, spreadsheets, camera-ready copy and file management; will be comfortable working in a peer situation with a mix of volunteers and paid staff and adept at addressing groups of citizens and city businesses and government to express the paper's message.

The Greenbelt News Review is a worker cooperative. This position is part time, approximately 16 hours per week and on a schedule aligned with newspaper publication. This will generally include office hours and some evening work Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Questions may be addressed to applications@greenbeltnewsreview.com. A short letter of application and a resume no more than two pages in length should be sent to the same email address by no later than January 26.

GES Principal Gaines Earns Ph.D. at University of Md.

by Matthew Arbach

"Completing my doctorate degree was a goal that I have had for a while," said Principal Monica Gaines of Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). "I am glad that I was able to finally reach that goal." On December 20, she received a doctoral degree in organizational leadership and policy studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. She stated that it was "designed for scholar practitioners in curriculum, human resources, fiscal management, assessment and accountability." When asked by students, parents and teachers if her acquisition of this degree will "mean that I am leaving Greenbelt Elementary," her response was "that is not in my immediate plans. I love being the principal here at Greenbelt Elementary. If anything, it will enhance the work I do with my teachers and students."

The topic of Gaines' dissertation was Exploring the Impact of Elementary Principals' Perceptions of Gifted Education Program. Gaines stated, "As a former special education teacher, I have always been interested in learning how best to meet the needs of students with special needs on the opposite end, our gifted students." Her degree has made it possible to enhance the gifted education program at GES, a school that received the Excellence in Gifted Education Award in 2015 from the Maryland State Department of Education. She said that "my staff and I worked really hard to build our gifted education program by attending professional development opportunities and National and State Gifted Conferences."

Her degree took three and a half years to complete. She was in a group of 15 other school administrators from Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). The program came out of PGCPS, which "created a partnership with University of Maryland and Howard University in order to build the leadership



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Greenbelt Elementary Principal Monica Gaines receives her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, College Park.

capacity of its school leaders," said Gaines. The instruction was tailored to the circumstances of the participants, "including intensive weekend and summer sessions, online modules, virtual classroom and traditional methods." She added, "It just took away all of my free time."

GES Assistant Principal Sharelle Stagg presented a surprise assembly of teachers

and students to honor Gaines' achievement. Following a preamble of congratulations, students shared songs and poetry, after which "I talked to the students about the importance of being lifelong learners," said Gaines. She told the students that, "Even as adults, it is important for us to set goals and make a plan to achieve them."

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